

Avoid a Christmas Tree Inferno

A Christmas tree fire can make a home deadly and escape impossible in less then one minute.

Each year these fires account for:

- **33** deaths
- Serious injuries to 112 people
- Over \$21 million dollars in damage



Christmas Tree Safety



Non-Metallic UL or FM Listed Fire Resistant Artificial Trees are the safest.

Metallic artificial trees present an increased risk of electric shock.

Real Trees

- *If you insist on a real tree choose a fresh one.
 - *Tap the trunk on the ground and shake the tree.
 - *Very few, if any needles should fall off.



Christmas Tree Safety



- ** Cut the bottom two inches of the trunk off and immediately place the tree in water.
- The stand should be sturdy and the tree kept away from heat sources such as fire places, heaters, vents and candles.

Christmas Trees Burn Rapidly

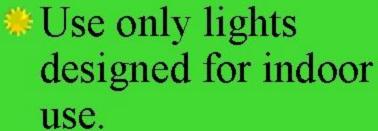
Don't place them near exits or hallways.

- Dry trees ignite easily.
 - **Water the tree daily.
 - *A 6 foot tree will absorb a gallon of water every two days!



Light the Tree Safely

Never light a tree with candles!







- ** Use lights with a label by a recognized testing authority (UL or FM).
- Never connect more then three strands together or to the same outlet.

If the tree starts dropping several needles it has become to dry!

- Its time to take the tree down.
- Dispose of it properly.
- Don't dispose of the tree in the fire place!

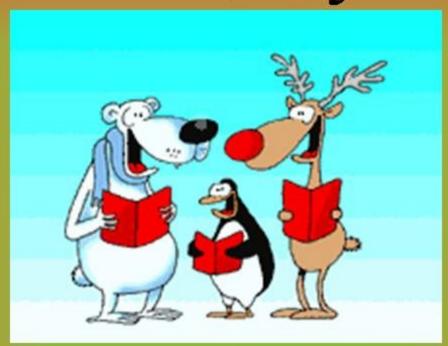




 For more information on Holiday Fire Safety contact the Fort Wood Fire Department

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The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department Wishes You A Safe and



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